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1. LATAM COLUMNIST FOR UNION-OWNED AFTERNOON STOCKHOLM TAB
AFTONBLADET COMMENTS AUGUST 21 ON US ENVOYS DERIAN, TODMAN AND
VISIT BY CONGRESSMEN, CITING LATIN NEWSPAPER EXPLOITATION OF
POSITIVE US STATEMENTS THERE, ADDING:

2. "FOR NOW THERE IS NO REASON TO DOUBT JIMMY CARTER'S SINCERE
VIEWS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT HIS COUNTLESS MESSENGERS ARE
EXPLOITED TO THE BREAKING POINT BY THE MASS MEDIA IN LATIN
AMERICA...THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY STOPPED WEAPONS
EXPORTS TO CHILE, ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY -- BUT HE STILL ACCEPTS
THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE SITTING IN JAIL FOR THEIR POLITICAL
OPINIONS ... THERE HAVE BEEN A MASS OF OFFICIAL VISITS BY
GRINGOS, A LONG ROW OF CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICIAL PERSONS
(MAINLY OFFICERS) AND A SERIES OF CRYPTIC ANNOUNCEMENTS. WHAT
PEOPLE IN THE DICTATORSHIPS WANT TO HAVE IS CLEAR INFORMATION,
SIMPLY: 'WHEN AND HOW WILL CARTER REESTABLISH FREEDOM IN LATIN
AMERICA'. THE MORE GRINGOS THAT COME HERE THE MORE LUDICROUS
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BECOME RELATIONS WITH THE US. FOR IT IS IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING
BIG BROTHER IN THE NORTH WHO RULES OVER THE RULERS HERE IN
SOUTH AMERICA."
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